

I am writing to comment on Docket 04-233 regarding radio station licenses. This appears as a thinly veiled attempt by the government to quash the free speech rights with religious broadcasters as its primary target. Since the founding of this nation, both sectarian and secular speech have been protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. In my view, this is yet another attempt by the secular progressive forces present in this nation to force Christians to remove themselves from all public forums.

Speech no matter how vile and repulsive is not to be repressed. Even though a considerable amount of what is broadcast on the public airwaves is offensive to me, the people from whom it emanates have a right to speak it – I choose to change channel. Whether in the name of national security, “fairness” or any other construct, these rule changes are poor public policy and set a precedent from which their unintended consequences will harm all citizens. I urge you to reject these policy changes and retain freedom of speech on the public airwaves.